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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA

1. ACTING FONMIN LHO SHIN YONG CALLED AMBASSADOR  
IN TODAY TO PASS LIST OF 37 COUNTRIES WHICH ROKG  
BELIEVES SHOULD BE CANVASSED BY USG. LIST BEING  
TRANSMITTED BY SEPTTEL.

2. IN DISCUSSING HIS OCT 7 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK,  
LHO SAID THAT PRESIDENT, WHILE CONCERNED, WAS REASSURED  
BY MY EARLIER FORTHRIGHT EXPLANATION OF SITUATION.

3. IN GENERALLY DISCUSSING UN SITUATION, LHO SAID  
THAT LIKE USG, ROKG BELIEVES WE HAVE GOOD SUPPORT FOR  
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, IT ROKG VIEW THAT NORTH  
KOREANS WILL BASE THEIR ASSESSMENT ON WHAT THEY SEE AS  
SUPPORT FOR THEIR OWN RESOLUTION, NOT OURS. CONSEQUENTLY,  
MOFA BELIEVES MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH AT THIS STAGE  
TO FORCE NORTH KOREANS INTO LESS INTRANSIGENT  
POSITION WOULD BE TO SHOW THEM CONVINCINGLY THEIR  
RESOLUTION CANNOT PASS.

4. CONSEQUENTLY, LHO SAID ROKG REQUESTS THAT  
DEPARTMENT CIRCULARIZE OUR EMBASSIES INSTRUCTING THEM  
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NOT ONLY TO STRIVE FOR SUPPORT FOR OUR RESOLUTION BUT

ALSO TO ASSURE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY LHO'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON, NOTING US APPROACHES ALREADY HAVE THIS EFFECT.

5. LHO AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS. HE POINTED OUT THAT FIVE COSPONSORS FROM LAST YEAR HAVE DROPPED OUT: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, HONDURAS AND GREECE. MOFA RECOGNIZES PROBLEMS POSED BY GREEK SITUATION BUT HOPES THAT US COULD APPROACH OTHER FOUR TO AGAIN COSPONSOR. LHO SAID MOFA ALSO HOPES THAT USG WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE UK, FRG, AND GOJ TO WORK VIGOROUSLY IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION.

6. IN ANSWER TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, LHO SAID FONMIN KIM ATTEMPTED IN NEW YORK TO SECURE MOROCCAN, SAUDI AND TUNISIAN AGREEMENT TO COSPONSOR RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, THE THREE ARAB GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN EVASIVE, RAISING QUESTION OF ROKG RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. AMBASSADOR CAUTIONED LHO ABOUT ANY PRECIPITIOUS ACTION IN THAT REGARD NOTING PARTICULARLY THAT KOREANS SHOULD BE MOST CAREFUL ABOUT ANY REQUESTS TO SUPPORT PALESTINIANS.

7. LHO ALSO EXPRESSED IN WARM TERMS ROKG APPRECIATION FOR SUCCESSFUL USG EFFORT TO SECURE PRIORITY RANKING FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. LHO SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT KEENLY AWARE THAT PROCEDURAL SUCCESS WAS DUE TO USG. SNEIDER

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